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1. The organization of a Hungarian Parliament and Government-in-Exile is still in the planning stage. Ferenc Krudy, former deputy Speaker of the Hungarian Parliament, has seen ex-Regent Horthy although the center of the movement is considered not to be Krudy but certain Hungarians in Rome, especially Nicholas Horthy, Jr. Aladar Kovacs is the spokesman for another pro-Horthy group inside Hungary which considers Horthy the only figure popular enough with the masses to rally their support against the present regime. This group includes many in the Small Holders Party. Kovacs believes Horthy should head only an interim regime pending the establishment of a democratic and durable government.
2. Another group deserving careful attention includes Geza Teleki, first Hungarian Minister of Education after the Armistice, Miklos Mester, former Undersecretary of State, and Mihaly Kerek, foremost Hungarian agrarian expert who disagrees with the land reform measures as carried out under Communist and Russian pressure. Another member of this group is Domokos Szentivanyi, a former consul who was a member of the first Hungarian delegation to contact the Russian Army on Horthy's behalf. He is considered a stable diplomat and very pro-American. The best understanding exists between this group and certain members of the National Peasant Party's right wing, particularly with Imre Kovacs, the Party's secretary-general.
3. It is believed that Ferenc Keresztes-Fischer, former Minister of the Interior, is prepared to participate in any Hungarian movement although his attitude toward Horthy is thought to be critical. Contact between the two men is maintained by Aladar Kovacs with whose group Keresztes-Fischer is most likely to cooperate.

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